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Forth BLOCKS /  
/ on the Web

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Motivation  
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- \* I use a bunch of different laptops
- \* I often have Forth related ideas
- \* Too many options overwhelm me
- \* I like blocks

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Blocks on the Web  
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- \* I've done this before, RainbowForth 2008
- \* And with uEforth on the Web  
-- AND Forgot!
- \* The first Forth I really used  
was Pygmy Forth,  
and the blocks stuck...

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## Implementation

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- \* AppEngine
  - Google's Cloud Turnkey option
  - DataStore API (Now Firebase)
  - Mostly just a Python venv now
- \* Flask
  - Micro Web framework
- \* JavaScript
  - Render to a canvas
  - Stretch monospace font to fit 64x16+1

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## Block Storage

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- \* Types of Requests:
  - READ start  $\leq i < \text{end}$  blocks
  - WRITE a block
- \* Keep 16,000 Blocks in memory
- \* Keep flags: DIRTY, LOADED
- \* Load blocks when first seen
  - Chunks of 64 blocks
- \* Save blocks when they change
  - Check every 3 seconds

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## For Whom?

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- \* Blown lots of worry about making blocks work for the world
- \* Focus on me as the customer
- \* Authenticate somehow...
- \* Worry about generalizing later

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## Editor

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- \* Arrows to move
- \* QWERTY to type
- \* PgUp / PgDn to move blocks
- \* No shadow blocks
- \* JavaScript, baked in
- \* Insert/Delete to 2 spaces
- \* Stretch to fill whole window
- \* colorForth inspired Cut/Copy/Paste
- \* Show status + screen
- \* Autosave

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## What about Forth?

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- \* I want one, maybe will use uEforth
- \* But the point was to jot other ideas
  - Add a colorForth mode?
  - Load block as JavaScript?
  - Put the parser outside the Forth VM?  
OR the dictionary?
  - Decompose uEforth core differently?  
PARSE CONVERT CREATE FIND EVAL1  
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- \* Will have to jot some notes...

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QUESTIONS?

Thank you!

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